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Effigy Mounds National Monument Hosts American Indian Heritage Day - July 21st

Superintendent Phyllis Ewing is pleased to announce Effigy Mounds National Monument will host a celebration of American Indian arts and culture on Saturday, July 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Earlier this year Governor Culver proclaimed the week of July 7th through the 14th "The Week of the Ioway." On Saturday the 21st American Indian Heritage Day will celebrate the culture of the Ioway, the Ho-Chunk, and the Winnebago. Mark your calendars for this free event filled with American Indian music, dance, arts, and food the whole family will enjoy.

This event will provide an opportunity for local residents and other visitors to meet and interact with members of the historic tribes of northeast Iowa, and to learn firsthand about their past and present traditions. Starting at 10:30 there will be activities and presentations running concurrently at the outdoor stage and throughout the tented area behind the visitor center. There will be songs and drumming by The Winnebago Sons and Conroy Greendeer along with demonstrations of pottery making and other fine arts and crafts by Willa Red Cloud and Rita Kingswan. Luther College will be demonstrating the atlatl in the afternoon. Anna Fee, Nora Walkup, and Kayla Van Zile will be providing traditional food for sale and there will also be a few Native American handcrafts for sale. The event will conclude with a Native American Dance program presented by Pete Fee and his family. Mr. Fee, a member of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, is a familiar face and has appeared at many Effigy Mounds' events as a teacher of the traditional Ioway culture.

This event is made possible through funding from Humanities Iowa, 3M, Eastern National and the National Park Foundation. Major funding has been provided by Humanities Iowa, a private, non-profit state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. A cultural resource for Iowans since 1971, Humanities Iowa brings humanities programs into the heart of Iowa communities. For more information on this event or other upcoming events, visit us online at www.nps.gov/efmo or call the visitor center at (563) 873-3491. Open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., the Effigy Mounds National Monument's visitor center is located three miles north of Marquette, Iowa and 22 miles south of Waukon, Iowa on HWY 76.

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